

Docket No.: 52321-012

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of

Sing-Wang CHENG, et al.

Serial No.: 09/373,605

Filed: August 13, 1999

For: HEAT TEMPERATURE RAISING SYSTEM

Group Art Unit: 3743

Examiner: C. Atkinson

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**RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Applicants acknowledge receipt of a final rejection dated May 20, 2002 in this application. The Examiner states that the rejection is being made final on the ground that this is a continuation of Applicants' earlier application and all claims are drawn to the same invention.

It is submitted, however, that this final rejection should not have been issued at this time. The Examiner's attention is directed to the fact that the request for the continuing prosecution application included a request for a suspension of action for a period of three months under 37 CFR 1.1.03(c). This request has apparently been overlooked and not properly acted upon. Accordingly, the final rejection should not have been issued at this time. It is requested that the Applicants' request for a suspension of action be honored and this final rejection withdrawn since the purpose of the request for suspension was to file an additional response.

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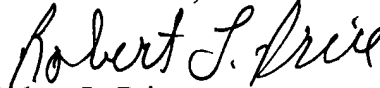
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This will also confirm a telephone conversation with the Examiner on June 5, 2002, advising the Examiner of the filing of this paper and the fact that the request for the three month suspension of action had been overlooked.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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